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FOLLOWING REPEAT SANTO DOMINGO 2460 ACTION SECSTATE 03 JUN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW FOREIGN MINISTER NAMED

1. PRESIDENT BALAGUER LAST NIGHT NAMED COMMODORE (FORMER REAR ADMIRAL) RAMON EMILIO JIMENEZ, JR. AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS REPLACING VICTOR GOMEZ BERGES. GOMEZ BERGES NOW BECOMES SECRETARY OF STATE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO.

2. THE MOVE WAS UNEXPECTED AT THIS TIME. GOMEZ BERGES WAS THOUGHT TO BE SECURE IN HIS POSITION FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE DISTINCTION WHICH HE GAINED FROM HIS CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION AS OAS SECGEN. ALTHOUGH IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT BALAGUER PLANNED TO REPLACE HIM SOON, IT WAS ASSUMED THAT GOMEZ BERGES' SHOWING AT THE OASGA WOULD POSTPONE THE MOVE.

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3. BY NAMING JIMENEZ AS FOREIGN MINISTER (AND MAJ. GEN.

PEREZ Y PEREZ AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF INTERIOR AND POLICE)
PRESIDENT BALAGUER MOVED A LONG WAY TOWARD FINAL
RESOLUTION OF THE POLITICAL CRISIS PRODUCED BY JIMENEZ'
REGISTRATION AS SECRETARY OF STATE ALONG WITH THOSE OF THE
THREE SERVICE CHIEFS. JIMENEZ' POSITION ASSURES HIM OF
A CONTINUING PRESTIGIOUS ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT. IT ALSO
CONFIRMS THE PRESIDENT'S INTENTION TO RETAIN CORDIAL
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES TOWARD WHICH JIMENEZ HAS
LONG MANIFESTED VERY FRIENDLY SENTIMENTS.

4. ANALYSIS OF IMPLICATIONS OF THIS AND OTHER CHANGES BY
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